

**A Discussion with  
Weshoyot Alvitre  
Tongva Artist, Illustrator, Graphic Novel Artist & Editor**



Join the UCLA American Indian Studies Center and the UCLA American Indian Studies Center Library for a thoughtful discussion with Weshoyot Alvitre about her interesting and intentional process as an artist, archive enthusiast, researcher, and family genealogist. Weshoyot will discuss her work and activist approach by giving voice to subject matter and Native historical figures often ignored. The talk will consist of an overview of the behind-the-scenes thought process and research that is done for projects representing Native Nations in historical context and in self determined storytelling roles. Weshoyot will focus in particular on a recent graphic novel project about the Tongva woman and hero, Toypurina.

Weshoyot is an illustrator and comic book artist. She has a BA in fine art and studied illustration and animation. She is Tongva & Scottish. She has contributed to many award winning books including the Eisner award winning *Umbrella Academy* (Dark-horse Comics) and *Little Nemo: Dream Another Dream* (Locust Moon press). Her most recent projects include art for the graphic novel *Ghost River: The Fall and Rise of the Conestoga* (Native Realities Press/Library Company of Philadelphia), *Toypurina: Our Lady of Sorrows* (Self-published), and art direction on the educational video game, "When Rivers Were Trails."

**When: Friday, May 29th, 10:00-11:15 am**

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**Live Video Presentation and Q&A**

